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1 — Texas official, former Hill aide to helm Dallas office, E&E News, 12/11/17

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/12/11/stories/1060068669>

U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has picked Anne Idsal, a well-connected Texas state official, to lead the agency's Region 6 office.

2 — Trump letting oceans turn into 'toxic waste dumps,' conservationist group claims, Baton Rouge Advocate, 12/11/17

http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/business/article_11af1b98-deaf-11e7-a7ae-5338d326a47a.html

The federal government failed vulnerable whale, turtle and fish species when it allowed oil companies to release their waste into the Gulf of Mexico earlier this year, a conservationist group argues.

3 — WIPP expects to resume mining this week, Albuquerque Journal, 12/11/17

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1105173/mining-to-resume-at-wipp-for-1st-time-since-leak.html>

Officials at the nation's only underground nuclear waste repository are flipping the switch on an interim ventilation system this week, allowing mining to resume for the first time since a 2014 radiation release contaminated part of the facility located in southeastern New Mexico.

4 — Los Alamos lab incident probed, Albuquerque Journal, 12/11/17

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1105482/los-alamos-lab-incident-probed.html>

A U.S. Department of Energy office is investigating what's described as a "near miss to a fatality" at Los Alamos National Laboratory, apparently after a worker went into a room despite the sounding of a low-oxygen alarm.

5 — NM AG, others sign on to Xcel wind farm, Albuquerque Journal, 12/11/17

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1105307/nm-ag-others-sign-on-to-xcel-wind-farm.html>

Xcel Energy's plans to build two massive wind farms in New Mexico and West Texas took a huge leap forward Monday thanks to a new settlement agreement with parties in the case.

6 — EDITORIAL: Missouri Superfund decision could have Oklahoma impacts, The Oklahoman, 12/12/17

<http://newsok.com/missouri-superfund-decision-could-have-oklahoma-impacts/article/5575542>

Normally, how government officials address a waste site in Missouri would be of little interest in Oklahoma. But actions by Environmental Protection Agency officials to remediate a Superfund site in Bridgeton, Missouri, could indicate how officials will resolve long-standing problems at Oklahoma's Superfund sites.

7 — Study: People of color breathe more air pollution, Louisiana Weekly, 12/8/17

<http://www.louisianaweekly.com/study-people-of-color-breathe-more-air-pollution/>

People of color are exposed to more pollution from cars, trucks, and power plants than whites, a new 10-year study shows. Researchers estimated exposure to outdoor concentrations of a transportation-related pollutant—nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)— in both 2000 and 2010, based on neighborhoods where people live and found that disparities in NO₂ exposure were larger by race and ethnicity than by income, age, or education.

8 — Dicamba is issue today at Arkansas Capitol, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 12/12/17

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2017/dec/12/dicamba-is-issue-today-at-capitol-20171/>

Arkansas isn't the only state restricting the use of dicamba, but so far it is the only one facing the courtroom wrath of Monsanto, the St. Louis-based seed and chemical company.

9 — Pending manure rule poses murky math problem, Houston Chronicle, 12/12/17

<http://www.capitalpress.com/Livestock/20171211/pending-manure-rule-poses-murky-math-problem>

Producers are in a “totally confusing situation” calculating whether their livestock emit enough ammonia to qualify as a source of hazardous gas under a new federal rule, a leading authority on estimating manure emissions said Thursday.

10 — Controlled burn to be conducted Tuesday in refuge near Lacombe, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 12/11/17

http://www.nola.com/northshore/index.ssf/2017/12/controlled_burn_to_be_conducte.html

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday (Dec. 12) will conduct a controlled burn of about 60 acres of the Big Branch National Wildlife Refuge near Lacombe to remove invasive plants and help restore native marsh grass.